GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2015
Financial Assistance to Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies available in the country;

(b) whether the initiatives taken for the development of Handlooms have shown encouraging results in the textile sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether any study has been conducted to evaluate the availability of requisite resources of the societies to meet their requirement ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including providing financial assistance to these Societies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) As per the information available, there were 44 Apex Weavers Co-operative Societies (AWCS) and 15,926 Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies (PWCS) in the country in year 2011-12. State-wise list is at Annexure-I.
(b) & (c): Yes Madam. The initiatives taken for the development of Handloom through implementation of various schemes have shown encouraging results. The following are the findings of the evaluation study of schemes implemented in cluster development programmes during 11th Five Year Plan :
â€¢ Productivity (units per day) increased by 37%.
â€¢ Average monthly income of weavers up by 31%.
â€¢ Working days in a year up by10%.
â€¢ Working capital available on average for each weaver increased by 37%.
â€¢ Sales increase by 39%.

Number of clusters State-wise covered in the study is at Annexure − II.

(d) & (e): Yes Madam. To meet out the requirements of the societies by way of debt restructuring and adequate flow of credit at cheaper rate Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) package has been implemented. The RRR package included:

a) One time waiver of overdue loans and interest (100% Principal and 25% interest) of viable and potentially viable handloom cooperative societies and individual weavers as on 31st March, 2010,
b) Recapitalization assistance to eligible handloom cooperative societies,
c) Provision of fresh subsidized credit to handloom cooperative societies and weavers covered by waiver by providing interest subsidy of 3% for a period of 3 years for fresh loan with credit guarantee and
d) Carrying out legal and institutional reforms for the cooperative societies.

The statutory audit of societies was carried out by the States under RRR package. The statutory audit reports were examined by the special team of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Banks to assess the claims admissible. A total of 39 APEX Weaver Cooperative Societies and 9642 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have been benefitted under the package from across the country. The State wise details indicating the number of beneficiaries and assistance approved under RRR package is at Annexure − III.